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Walking is the deadliest commute

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Over 120 pedestrians killed from 2008 to 2012

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Pedestrians and cyclists are more likely to be injured or killed in Toronto than people using cars or public transit.

It's one of the starkest facts outlined in a new Toronto Public Health report analyzing police crash data between 2008 and 2012.

During that period, 120 pedestrians and 10 cyclists were killed, with more than 10,000 pedestrians and more than 5,000 cyclists injured.

In three out of four crashes, where the right of way was known, walkers were clear of blame when they were hit, the report says. Overall, two-thirds of pedestrian injuries can be attributed to driver error.

The analysis comes as 21 pedestrians and three cyclists have died in crashes since January, putting the city on track for a record year in road deaths.

"Sometimes when we see a spike in pedestrian injuries or fatalities, as we did earlier this year, messages go out from governments and police, and often they're urging pedestrians to be more careful," said Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's medical officer of health. The new data "suggests motorists also need to be urged to take great care when driving near pedestrians and observing the rules of right-of-way."

One of the more encouraging parts of the report is what McKeown calls the "safety in numbers effect."

"As more people cycle and there's more bikes on the road, the rate of injuries and fatalities per million trips, or per time that you spend on the road, has gone down," he said.

McKeown is advocating for traffic-calming measures across the city, including lower speed limits and alternate road design, particularly on arterial streets where the most serious crashes happen.

"We see in this report, once again, the importance of speed," he said. "There's no question that the faster the traffic is going, the more hazardous it is for cyclists and pedestrians, who, after all are more vulnerable.

"They're not surrounded by several thousand pounds of metal."

More coverage on page 8.

POINTS

Among the details in the report:

- The health benefits of cycling and walking outweigh the risks of being injured in a crash.
- Pedestrians are most often hit in intersections where a vehicle is turning left, but are most likely to be seriously injured or killed when hit mid-block.
- About 13 per cent of pedestrians and 12 per cent of cyclists were determined to be "inattentive" at the time of a crash.

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Sebastian Brown is taking downtown busking to new heights. In metroNEWS.

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NEGOTIATIONS

Teacher lockouts possible

Education Minister Liz Sandals says teachers frustrated with the state of contract negotiations could be locked out, but only as a last resort.

"The thing about locking out teachers is you also lock out children and school boards and the government. We are really committed to trying to keep the kids in the classroom," Sandals said Monday. "We don't want to go there if we can possibly avoid it."

She singled out the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) — which recently told its 76,000 members not to input report-card data — for being a holdout from bargaining.

While Catholic and French teacher unions continue to take part in central bargaining talks, negotiating items like class size and salary, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation is not and says it has no upcoming bargaining dates.

ETFO president Sam Hammond has said his union will return to the table only if the province and school boards remove "offensive" proposals, such as having principals control teachers' prep time and removing "class-size language" from contracts.

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An artist rendering of the completed luminous veil at night. CONTRIBUTED

The long, bright veil

PRINCE EDWARD VIADUCT

City's biggest investment in a single piece of art lights up

Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

Twelve years after it was installed, the Prince Edward Viaduct's "luminous veil" suicide-prevention barrier is ready to light up.

On July 4, as part of the torch relay for the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games, the Toronto landmark will finally have one of its principal features activated: a massive, shimmering light display that at $2.8 million represents the biggest investment in a single piece of public art in Toronto.

Two roughly 450-metre continuous strings of coloured LED lights will run the length of the veil, bathing the metal structure and nearby sidewalk in light.

A second set of LEDs will light up the lookout areas built into the original structure of the bridge, said Dereck Revington, the designer of the luminous veil.

"The lights change in response to temperature," he said. "In addition to that, they respond to wind direction and the velocity of the wind.... In a sense the bridge becomes a kind of register of the atmosphere."

As its name suggests, the luminous veil suicide barrier was always meant to include lights. In 2003, while the metal structure was still in the planning stages, the city decided it couldn't afford any frills and put the illuminations on hold.

It took an injection of cash from the Pan Am Games to get the ball rolling again. Now, after months of planning, the lights on the road deck are almost ready to be switched on.

"It's really quite a brilliant idea," said Phyllis Berck, the director of the Pan Am office of partnerships. "It's hard to do something that is both aesthetically attractive and has a practical application.... It's like a canvas that never repeats itself."

The bridge will be closed to traffic on the evening of July 4 to celebrate the switching on of the lights. A Juno award-winning band the organizers are keeping secret will perform, and Revington is promising a one-time light show he's calling an "unveiling overture."

"You'll feel strongly the presence of the Pan Am Games," he said.

A picture of the luminous veil during a recent test run. REDDIT

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CONSULTATION

Thumbs up or down for projects

It should be a moment of unreserved civic optimism, with the public being asked to consider four multi-billion-dollar transit projects that could transform the Toronto region's mobility.

Instead, a pervasive skepticism hangs over this month's combined public consultations on SmartTrack, GO regional express rail, the relief line and the Scarborough subway.

There's a sense among some members of the public that government agencies are just going through the motions of consulting, having already decided what they will build and where.

City officials and Metrolinx consult the public all the time about transit plans. What's remarkable about this month's round of consultations is not just that the two agencies are working jointly, but that there are four projects on the table at the meetings running through Thursday.

It's a unique opportunity for residents to see how the projects relate to one another and the overall transportation network, said Tim Laspa, the city's director of transportation planning.

Others see it differently. Suri Weinberg-Linsky has been attending public consultations about the rail expansion and other projects in her Weston neighbourhood for a decade. She thinks they're mostly a sham.

Combining four transit projects into the same meetings "will be an exercise in confusion, frustration and a waste of time," said Weinberg-Linsky.

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TTC cashing in tokens

TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY

Presto smart cards will required by mid-2017

The TTC will begin phasing out the sale of tickets and tokens next year as it progresses with the wide-scale roll-out of the Presto smart card.

The old fare media will be sold until the end of 2016 and accepted until mid-2017. But at some point, those tickets and tokens will be phased out completely, said TTC chief customer officer Chris Upfold.

"There will be vending machines in every station so you'll walk over to the vending machine, use your debit or your credit card or you put cash in there and you will load up on your Presto card which you then tap on at the subway or the streetcar," he said.

Riders will also be able to buy a Metropass or a quantity of trips the same way, although how those bulk buys will work has not yet been decided. There will be a report discussing possible solutions in November.

Eliminating the tickets and tokens is the only way to ensure most customers convert to Presto, he told the TTC board on Monday.

It means that subway collectors' jobs will change, too. Instead of being stuck in a booth they will be redeployed to help customers in the stations.

By next month, 26 subway stations will accept Presto and by the end of the year every streetcar in the city will have the readers. They will be on the buses by the end of next year.

In 2017, the TTC's Presto, unlike other Toronto area transit properties using the smart cards, will also include open-payment technology that will let its riders pay their fare with a debit or credit card or on a mobile device.

There are 40 million TTC tokens in existence — 20 million in circulation and 20 million in the TTC vaults.

Among the other undecided issues is whether riders who use more than one transit system on their trip will have to tap on and tap off the different systems separately.

Metrolinx is looking at integrating fares so they don't have to do that.

But the thorny issue of which transit system foregoes the second fare has yet to be worked out, said Upfold.

"That has always been the problem with those cross-boundary transfers is, who is giving up the second fare," he said.

Even though children 12 and under can ride free on the TTC, they will need to carry a Presto card so they can access the new automated fare gates being installed on the system.

The TTC needs about 1,000 of the new fare gates.

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40M

Number of TTC tokens that exist — only half of which are in circulation.

1,000

Number of new fare gates needed under the plan.

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STREETCARS

Transit board to crack the whip at Bombardier HQ

The chairman of the TTC board and its CEO are heading to Thunder Bay Tuesday to impress upon Bombardier Toronto's impatience with the late delivery of the city's new $1.25-billion streetcars.

But if the high-level meeting isn't enough to get the cars moving, the TTC is also investigating other options.

On Monday, the transit agency's board ordered a report by July that would look at whether Bombardier could be shut out of future TTC bids.

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, the deputy mayor and TTC board member who called for the report on potential consequences to Bombardier's late delivery, said it's one option if Bombardier doesn't comply with a schedule.

"Typically when we have a bad vendor or a bad contractor in construction we say, 'You can't bid. We're not going to let you bid on future contracts for a certain amount of time.' My understanding is we may have some future contracts with respect to rolling stock and my understanding is we could tell Bombardier, 'We don't want you to bid on these contracts,'" he said.

Toronto should have 50 of the air-conditioned vehicles by now. But there are only six on the street nearly a year after the first car launched. A strike at the Thunder Bay plant, challenges with the design of the wheelchair ramp and a paint issue were originally blamed for the late deliveries.

But it turned out that the initial vehicles were so poorly built they were unacceptable. Doors and walls were out of alignment and Bombardier tried to rivet the cars together. Laminate peeled.

The draft revised schedule calls for Bombardier to start delivering one vehicle every five days starting at the end of July, said TTC CEO Andy Byford, who will meet with plant workers and corporate officials on Tuesday along with TTC chairman Josh Colle.

Byford said that senior Bombardier officials are adamant they will be able to produce the cars but it will be August before they prove it.

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CULTURE

Tours tell history of Toronto through aboriginal eyes

Gilbert Ngabo
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In the year 1500, a Wendat First Nations village — surrounded by many acres of cornfield — occupied the area now known as Eglinton Park.

"To think of this modern park with a hockey rink and a swimming pool and surrounded by beautiful homes as being the site of this village," said Brian MacLean of First Story Toronto. "It just changed my understanding of Toronto completely."

First Story Toronto is an initiative that explores and shares the city's aboriginal history. This week, First Story is organizing tours along the lake, telling the city's history through the First Nations perspective.

Members of the First Story project committee: from left, Sam Mukwa Kloetstra, Reagan Kennedy, Jon Johnson and Brian MacLean. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

CHECK IT OUT

For more information about the tours, visit panampath.org.

"We think it's important for Torontonians to understand where we are and what is the long history of this place," said MacLean.

During the tours, young people from local aboriginal communities lead discussions about sites and topics ranging from the Battle of York to the origin of the name Toronto — the Iroquois word "Tkaronto."

The tours are also a chance for people to learn about aboriginal lifestyles and the origin of different types of food. There's even a chance to learn a few Ojibwa words.

"Really, when you come on one of these tours, you won't look at Toronto the same way again," McLean said.

IN BRIEF

CIBC team comes out on top in cricket tourney

Toronto's cricketers were celebrated this past weekend as the city held the 11th annual CIMA Mayor's Trophy event.

The winning team came from CIBC, decided in an exciting match with the TTC team on Saturday.

Mayor John Tory was there to see it happen at Sunnybrook Park, along with Kevin McGurgan, British consul general in Toronto and director-general of U.K. trade and investment; and Helen Berhane, chairwoman of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

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LABOUR

Loblaws workers prepare for strike

A union local representing some workers at some Loblaws stores in Ontario says it is "ramping up strike preparations" after its members rejected a tentative contract.

Local 1000A of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Union Canada said in a release Sunday that its members at Loblaws Great Food and Superstore had rejected the agreement during votes held around Ontario from June 14 to 20 and said it would train picket captains this week.

The union local represents about 12,000 workers in produce, bakery and meat departments as well as bookkeepers and accountants.

UFCW Local 1000A's website says the tentative agreement dated June 2 applies to members at Loblaws, Real Canadian Super Stores and Great Canadian Food Stores, three of the many banners within the Loblaw group of companies.

Local 1000A didn't provide a vote tally and said final percentages would be provided early this week, "but the fact the tentative agreement was rejected won't change. Your union is ramping up strike preparations."

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Condo construction has long dominated the Toronto skyline. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Condo prices a good sign: RBC

HOUSING

Affordability suggests that speculation not big danger

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The affordability of condos is a reassuring sign that Toronto's housing market isn't a bubble about to burst, according to RBC Economics Research.

RBC tracks housing affordability by determining the share of a city's median income that would be eaten up by mortgage payments based on today's prices and rates.

Single detached homes have reached nearly record-low affordability levels, according to a report issued Monday. It's a situation the city hasn't seen since 1990 — just before a housing bubble burst.

At that point, condo prices had shot up along with single-detached housing prices.

Today, however, condos remain more affordable and form a much bigger part of the housing market, senior RBC economist Robert Hogue said.

That suggests, he said, the single-detached home price increase today is due to demand outstripping supply, rather than the market speculation seen in the late 1980s.

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The average selling price for condos was $363,973 in the first quarter of this year — up roughly four per cent from last year, according to the Toronto Real Estate Board.

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Pedestrian-only spaces are few and far between

TRANSPORTATION

Merchant stakeholders often oppose limiting access

Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

People who move around on foot in Toronto could be set for a boost in future, but those improvements aren't likely to take the form of completely car-less streets, said the city's manager of pedestrian projects.

"You don't want to get boxed in with a particular model that either accommodates only one mode or works just fine for the summer but functionally doesn't really fulfil anybody's needs in the winter," said Fiona Chapman. "We also think there are other models available to us that put pedestrians top of mind."

Chapman pointed to curbless Market Street beside the St. Lawrence Market, which allows parking in the winter but opens up to pedestrians in the summer. Gould Street on the Ryerson campus is closed to auto traffic yet still allows access for emergency services.

One of the few completely car-free shopping environments in Toronto is the Distillery District. The redeveloped historic factory complex is on private property and so the owners were able to hand-pick businesses that were friendly to their pedestrian-only model.

"To take an existing community and impose a pedestrian area on them, you're going to have a lot of stakeholders in those communities that it theoretically won't work for," said Mathew Rosenblatt, one of the development partners for the Distillery.

He said business owners might be concerned about losing visibility and becoming "out of sight, out of mind." Merchants might also feel like they are inconveniencing potential customers arriving by car.

The city is still considering limiting access to cars on certain downtown streets, however.

"There's lots of little stub streets in the downtown that might be good candidates," she said.

Cyclists make their way through the Distillery District, one of the only car-free spots in the city. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

NEW QUEENS QUAY BIKE LANES BY THE NUMBERS

The new-look Queens Quay officially opened last Friday, complete with a two-way bike lane. Toronto cyclists have been out in force taking advantage of the new way to ride.

2.3 million: The approximate number of paving stones, laid by hand, on the new public promenade

31 months: Time from ground-breaking to grand opening (They broke ground November 16, 2012.)

1.7 kilometres: Total length of the revitalized street

74,156: Number of trees, respectively, on the north and south sides of Queens Quay

$35 million: An approximate cost overrun of the project, which brought the total cost to $128.9 million

$65.2 million: The city's contribution to the project

$14.5 million: The province's contribution to the project

$13.4 million: The federal government's contribution to the project

$35.7 million: Waterfront Toronto's contribution to the project

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TRAFFIC

Speed limited on local roads

Motorists using downtown and East York local streets will soon see speed limits drop to 30 km/h, despite cautions by city staff and some suburban councillors.

On Monday evening, members of Toronto-East York community council voted unanimously to reduce speed to 30 km/h, down from 40 km/h, on 387 km of local roads.

"This is not going to stop people from speeding, but it's going to contribute," said Councillor Josh Matlow, who has been championing the move at city hall and moved the supporting motion Monday night.

In a report, city staff say the change could improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, though it may not be suitable for many local roads.

Toronto's Public Health department — and the provincial coroner — have also advocated for reduced speed limits.

The city staff report also said changing signs and traffic signals to accommodate the lower speed limit will cost $1.1 million and money was not earmarked in the 2015 budget.

Wards that would be affected:

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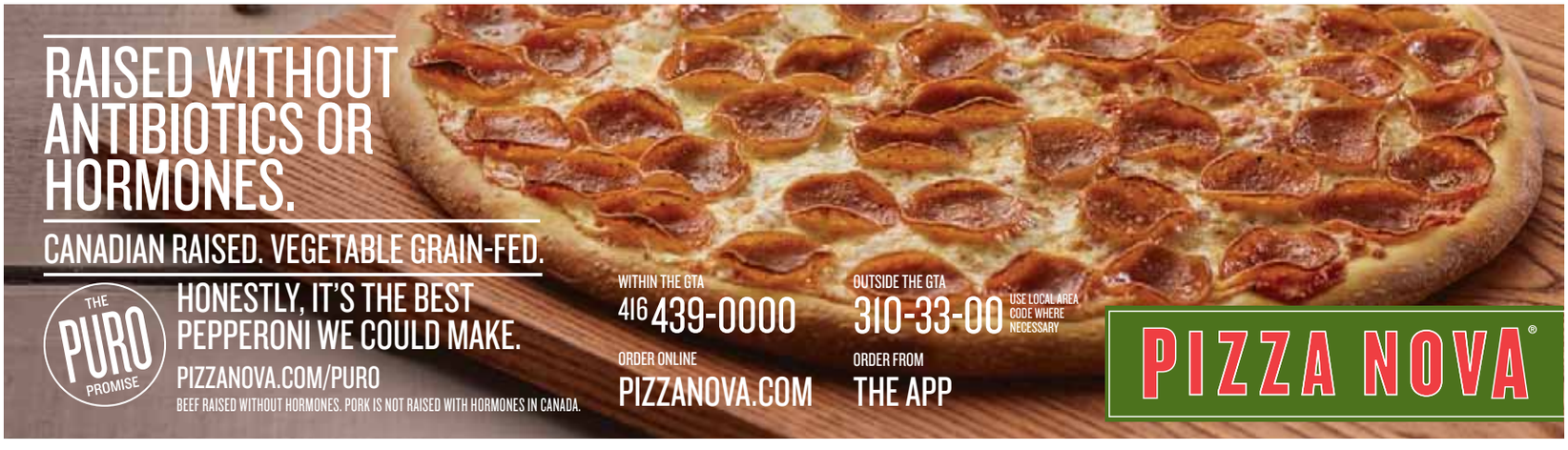

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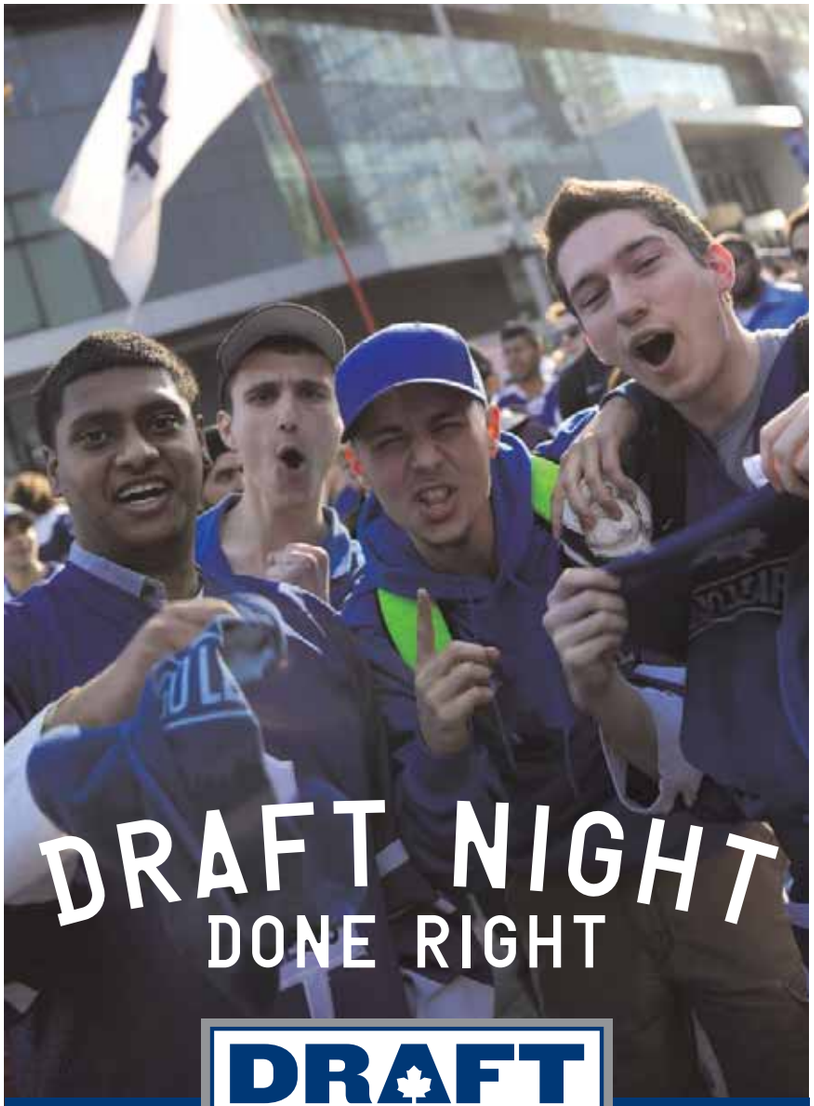
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PRIDE FESTIVAL **MAYOR, LGBTQ COMMUNITY RAISE RAINBOW FLAG** Mayor John Tory laughs after the Pride flag raising ceremony at city hall on Monday. The rainbow-tie-wearing mayor was joined by members of the gay and lesbian community, their supporters, city councillors and schoolchildren at the Pride Festival kick-off event. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MP Chan speaks out against TTC garage

SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT

Community concerned for public safety, heritage sites

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A group fighting a proposed TTC bus garage in Scarborough has found a powerful new ally.

Scarborough-Agincourt MP Arnold Chan is the latest voice to speak out against the development. He's sent a letter to the Ontario environment minister outlining concerns ranging from pedestrian safety to the potential impact on nearby Vimy Ridge oak trees, considered a piece of the neighbourhood's heritage.

"Residents and local communities have raised legitimate concerns that would be imposed by this project, and therefore should be consulted with sufficient information to address these concerns," the letter reads.

Nearly 4,000 other opposition letters and petitions were dropped off at the Ministry of Environment office on Monday.

The TTC completed an environmental report on the project in May, giving residents 30 days to register their objections. The ministry has promised to respond to the concerns within the next 35 days.

Chan supports improving public transit and other infrastructure, but said there are better spots for the proposed garage, which would house and service a fleet of 250 buses near Kennedy Road and McNicoll Avenue.

The garage is expected to be operational by 2019. Area residents, including Coun. Jim Karygiannis, said the project will mean more traffic in an already busy neighbourhood.

"We are asking the Ministry of the Environment to exercise their authority and protect the community," said Patricia Sinclair, a member of the Coalition Against the McNicoll Bus Garage, one of the community organizations opposed to the plan.

A rendering of the proposed TTC bus garage. CONTRIBUTED

INFRASTRUCTURE

Pothole repairs down from 2014

Potholes on Toronto roads have taken a dip.

Workers have repaired 145,200 potholes so far this year, about 100,000 less than this time last year, according to new data from the city's transportation services.

"Last year we had a much rougher winter going through, and that's why we had a lot more potholes," said Trevor Tenn, road operations manager with the city. "The ice storm was a big part of it, causing a lot of freeze thaw and constant flooding in the process."

Roads that see the most potholes are those with imperfections and cracks. In such cases, ice pushes beneath the road surface, expands and causes the asphalt to crumble. It's especially the case for roads that are old and sometimes already slated for repair when winter kicks in, Tenn said.

It costs $20 to $25, on average, to repair a pothole. The city spends $3 to $4 million a year on the work, Tenn said.

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Piano man has streets hopping

BUSINESS

Playing some ragtime a great job when you don't have one

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Sebastian Brown, like many recent grads, has had trouble finding a good job.

But he has found an unusual way to make ends meet: playing ragtime tunes on an upright piano on a downtown street.

Brown loads his family's old piano onto a dolly and pushes it to Bay and Front streets two or three times a week. It's a two-kilometre trip each way, starting at the Eastern Avenue storage facility where the piano is kept.

Brown graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in linguistics a year ago, and has been looking for a more traditional job, since then.

Potential employers "either haven't responded or, to be honest, the money hasn't been as good as this," he said.

Brown didn't want to say exactly how much money he makes busking, but, he said, it's more than he could make at an entry-level job and less than someone would likely make once they're established in a career.

"I think I'll get a regular job eventually, but I don't think I'll stop doing this completely, even if only on the odd occasion, he said.

Most people don't stop to watch as he plays, especially during rush hour.

Those who do, though, generally have smiles on their faces. A surprising number of them can identify his ragtime tunes, Brown said.

> **I don't think I'll stop doing this completely.**
> Sebastian Brown

Once or twice a day he'll get a negative response from someone: calling the police to report his playing as illegal, despite his busking licence, or rudely banging on the piano's keys.

"When they do that, I used to stop playing altogether, but the people watching would get really upset with that person and start saying really nasty things to them," he said.

"I don't want to provoke that so now I just slap their hand out of the way and keep playing."

The interruptions can come from people of all ages, he said.

Sebastian Brown tickles the ivories at the corner of Bay and Front streets. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Bay bucks going to charity

Bay Street bigwigs are adding a philanthropic touch to the Summer Solstice celebrations.

For the fifth straight annual all-white event, members of the Front Street Capital Charitable Foundation were wearing cowboy hats and riding mechanical bulls as they raised money to support a local hospital.

Close to 1,000 participants were looking to hit the $1-million milestone, having raised $900,000 the past previous years for various charitable organizations. Proceeds will go to help revamp the Just for Kids Clinic at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto.

"We are hoping to help create an environment that is much more welcoming and less intimidating for children," said Gary Selke, president and CEO of the foundation.

The clinic treats children and the youth under 18. The fundraising effort hopes to increase the clinic's capacity to treat about 20,000 children annually, up from the current 11,000.

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B.C. Mountie gets 30 months for Taser-death inquiry lies

VANCOUVER

Officer was involved in the death of Robert Dziekanski

A British Columbia Mountie convicted of lying to a public inquiry has been sentenced to 30 months in prison.

RCMP Const. Kwesi Millington was found guilty of perjury earlier this year after a B.C. Supreme Court judge concluded he colluded with his fellow officers over testimony given before a public inquiry looking into the death of Robert Dziekanski.

Millington was one of four officers who approached Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport in October 2007. Within seconds of the confrontation with the Polish man, officers jolted him with a Taser. He died on the floor of Vancouver's airport.

All four officers were charged with perjury. Millington and former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson were convicted, while constables Bill Bentley and Gerry Rundel were acquitted.

RCMP Const. Kwesi Millington, seen here in 2009, has been sentenced for lying during his testimony at a public inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dziekanski's mother, Zofia Cisowski, said she's pleased Millington is headed to prison.

"I'm now shaking, but I start crying because I was waiting eight years about this sentence," she said outside the court on Monday.

> **It's some justice, finally, after almost eight years.**
> Zofia Cisowksi, mother of Robert Dziekanski

Justice William Ehrcke said the sentence for Millington had to denounce the officer's actions and provide a deterrence.

Perjury is a very serious offence that undermines the administration of justice, Ehrcke told the court.

Millington's lawyer had asked for a one-year conditional sentence, while the Crown sought three years behind bars.

Millington's lawyer has indicated there will be an appeal of his client's conviction.

Gordon Comer, spokesman for the Criminal Justice Branch, said Millington will begin his sentence on Monday, but can apply for bail, pending a decision on his appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SENATE

Lawyer hired by Meredith

A senator facing published allegations that he had a sexual relationship that ended earlier this year with a 16-year-old girl has hired a lawyer.

Ottawa law firm Conway Baxter Wilson LLP issued a statement on Sunday saying Baxter has been retained "with respect to proceedings" of the Senate Ethics officer and a Senate committee, but did not provide further details. Senate Speaker Leo Housakos said last week that he referred the allegations involving Meredith to the ethics officer.

Meredith quit the Conservative caucus last week after Torstar News Service reported that a woman, who is now 18, said she had a sexual relationship with him that began shortly after she turned 16.

The Senate is also conducting what it calls a workplace assessment. Although there is no formal complaint against him, Senate sources have confirmed that the review is looking into allegations against Meredith of verbal abuse, bullying and sexual misconduct in the workplace. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Stars and bars must go: South Carolina governor

SOUTH CAROLINA

Confederate flag bipartisan target after massacre

South Carolina's governor declared Monday that the Confederate flag should be removed from the grounds of the Statehouse, reflecting what she described as a new consensus that the slayings of nine black churchgoers mandate that the divisive symbol be taken down.

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's about-face comes just days after authorities charged Dylann Storm Roof, 21, with murder. The young white man appeared in photos waving Confederate flags and desecrating U.S. flags, and purportedly wrote of fomenting racial violence. Survivors told police he hurled racial insults during the attack.

Jennice Barr, 10, leaves a message on a board set up in front of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church after a mass shooting at the church killed nine people, on June 22.
JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

"The murderer now locked up in Charleston said he hoped his actions would start a race war. We have an opportunity to show that not only was he wrong, but that just the opposite is happening," she said, flanked by Democrats and Republicans, blacks and whites who joined her call.

"My hope is that by removing a symbol that divides us, we can move our state forward in harmony, and we can honour the nine blessed souls who are now in Heaven," Haley said.

The Wednesday night massacre inside the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church has suddenly made removing the flag - long thought politically impossible in South Carolina — the go-to position, even for politicians who have counted on the votes of disaffected white people in Republican primaries.

Haley was flanked by U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, now running for president, as well as South Carolina's junior senator, Tim Scott, a black Republican, and its only black House member, Democratic Rep. Jim Clyburn. Within moments, her call was echoed by the chairman of the Republican National Committee and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREECE

Bailout deal possible

Greece has finally offered economic reforms that creditors consider potentially acceptable, giving Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras a couple days to turn a spirit of goodwill into a deal that might keep the country from a painful exit from the euro currency.

Even though a firm deal to get Greece more loans remained elusive Monday, leaders from the 19 euro nations and the International Monetary Fund said Tsipras' new reforms plan offered the basis to break a four-month deadlock in talks.

Uncertainty over Greece has sapped confidence in global markets, particularly in Europe, and threatened the financial future of Greeks.

Since coming to power in January, the new government has refused to make more budget austerity measures, which it blames for devastating the economy. It has since softened its approach, but it remains reluctant to take all steps creditors demand.
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War crimes on both sides of Gaza: UN

HUMAN RIGHTS

Palestinian, Israeli groups guilty, report charges

A much-awaited United Nations report into the 2014 Gaza war released Monday found that both Israel and Palestinian militant groups may have committed war crimes during the conflict.

Both Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers quickly rejected the report's findings, which said Palestinian militants targeted civilians in their rocket attacks, while Israeli forces likely used "disproportionate" force in civilian areas of the Gaza Strip — both identified by the UN committee as potential war crimes.

While Israel long has had a contentious relationship with the United Nations, the stakes now are much higher as Palestinians have joined the International Criminal Court and are pursuing war-crimes charges against Israel. Monday's report could play a key role in the case against the country.

An air-defence system in Tel Aviv, Israel, fires to intercept a rocket from the Gaza Strip in July 2014. DAN BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The extent of the devastation and human suffering in Gaza was unprecedented and will impact generations to come," said Mary McGowan Davis, chairwoman of the commission. "There is also ongoing fear in Israel among communities who come under regular threat."

The war started July 8, 2014, after the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank, as well as the subsequent kidnapping and burning alive of a Palestinian teenager in an apparent revenge attack. Israel responded to the teens' kidnapping by arresting hundreds of Hamas members in raids in the West Bank, prompting militant groups in Gaza to step up their rocket attacks.

More than 2,200 Palestinians, including hundreds of civilians, were killed during the fighting, according to UN and Palestinian officials, while 73 people, including six civilians, died on the Israeli side. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE

Jackson should lose his spot instead, says Bernanke

Former Federal Reserve chief-turned blogger Ben Bernanke is calling for the U.S. Treasury to abandon plans to drop Alexander Hamilton from his featured spot on the $10 bill and to dump Andrew Jackson from the $20 instead.

Bernanke wrote Monday that he is "appalled" by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew's plans to replace Hamilton with a woman. In a post entitled "Say it ain't so, Jack," Bernanke wrote that adding a woman is "a fine idea, but it shouldn't come at Hamilton's expense."

He called the first treasury secretary "without doubt the best and most foresighted economic policymaker in U.S. history."

By contrast, Jackson, president from 1829 to 1837, was "a man of many unattractive qualities and a poor president." The U.S. Treasury last week revealed plans to put a woman on the $10bill, which has featured Hamilton since 1929. Candidates include Harriet Tubman, Eleanor Roosevelt and Rosa Parks.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the $10 bill "is under review by the appropriate authorities for upgraded re-design for security purposes ... And that is why the discussion is happening in the context of the $10 bill."

Bernanke stepped down as federal chair in 2014 and is a distinguished fellow and blogger at the Brookings Institution.

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Former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke.
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THE BIG THING: FRIEND OR FOOD?

Despite a collective howl from online activists, this week's dog meat festival in Yulin, China is going ahead. A Change.org petition demanding the event's cancellation earned nearly four million signatures — to no avail. But why do most of us happily chow down on bacon, lamb or veal, but cry cruelty when man's best friend is on the table? Turns out the answer is complicated. SOURCE: BBC

1 Cute enough to eat The thought of 10,000 dogs being slaughtered for a summer-solstice celebration is revolting to most Westerners and many Chinese pet lovers as well — including the retired teacher who spent 7,000 yuan ($1,400) to spare 100 dogs. But one person's crime is another's delicacy, and it all comes down to culture.

2 A dog's life Research suggests people believe the animals they love the most have the most complex inner lives. Dogs may not be the Einsteins of the animal kingdom (dolphins are a better candidate), but we may make assumptions about their smarts because they have special skills. Dogs are excellent at forming social bonds and reading human body language, says psychologist Thalia Gjersoe. In much of China, dogs are working animals.

3 The 'ick' factor It's not just about love for our four-legged friends. "To most Westerners, eating your dog is an abomination," writes Guardian science writer Kathleen Taylor. "Disgust is contagious. We catch it easily from others, and it tells us what's acceptable and what isn't."

Sometimes the mayor must stand on principle

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

Back in November, John Tory made it clear he wasn't entirely happy with Toronto police.

"I am not at all satisfied with the overall state of the relationship between the police services board, the police service itself and the community," Tory, still mayor-elect at the time, told journalists at a state-of-the-city event.

To fix things, he decided to take a seat on the police services board and oversee change.

I lauded the move. The city's police represent the biggest expense on your property tax bill, and there's long been a need for greater oversight.

Still, I'm not sure Tory could have known then just what he was getting himself into.

More than six months later, policing issues dominate the headlines. There's a rookie police chief at the helm. The chairman of the police board is stepping down. And soon police will take a key role in providing security for the Pan Am Games, an endeavour that will inevitably spark memories of the G20.

Then there's carding.

Police carding, of course, is the thing that allows officers to arbitrarily stop people and record their information. Data shows that people of colour are far more likely to be carded. There's no real evidence that carding reduces crime — but, really, it wouldn't be justified even if it did.

Carding should have been stopped years ago, but change has been elusive. For all the foot-dragging from police, you'd think reformers were asking officers to give up their handcuffs, instead of merely demanding that they stop violating people's charter rights.

Recently, the calls to end carding have gotten louder. The writing and advocacy of people like Desmond Cole, Idil Burale, Andray Domise and the Concerned Citizens to End Carding group has pushed the issue to the forefront.

Tory's response to all this has, for me, highlighted some concerns about his leadership style.

He's oscillated between different positions.

In December, he called carding a "corrosive" practice. Not long after, he was supporting an unpopular effort to change — but not scrap — carding. Earlier this month, he changed course again, calling for an unambiguous end to the practice.

Though his latest change of heart is welcome, Tory's track record on the issue hints at a worrisome tendency to consider compromise in cases where compromise is unacceptable. There are some issues that can't be negotiated in closed-door board meetings.

Tory's record on (carding) hints at a worrisome tendency to consider compromise where compromise is unacceptable.

Sometimes a mayor just needs to stand on principle — and refuse to bend.

That's especially going to be true with policing issues. With carding now in the hands of the provincial government as it considers regulations, Tory's principle will be paramount.

There should be little room for nuance. Just fight like hell until real change comes.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Forgiveness offers a neat, morally elevated conclusion

Forgiveness on the scale taking place in Charleston, S.C., is incredible to watch.

At the bond hearing for racist mass killer Dylann Roof, the families of nine people he shot dead in a church had one unifying message.

"I will never be able to hold her again, but I forgive you and have mercy on your soul," said the daughter of one victim. Other mourners repeated the sentiment.

That confounded some media types, including one CNN presenter who asked the son and granddaughter of the slain pastor how they could forgive. They cited their faith, the faith of the victims, and their duty as Christians to transform an act of hatred with a response of love. It was an idea echoed on Sunday at the first mass at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church since the attack, when the reverend said, "The nine families get it."

Forgiveness is not the end of any story.

On this side of the border, another act of great forgiveness recently resurfaced when the RCMP arrested a man in connection with the kidnapping of Amanda Lindhout. Captured while working as a freelance journalist in Somalia in 2008 and then tortured for 15 months, Lindhout has since preached a message of forgiveness, especially toward the young boys who guarded her.

In both cases, we, the public, are left awed and enthralled. There's an instinct to understand these people, to celebrate and even worship them a little. Our fascination with their forgiveness has a way of overwhelming the story. It offers a neat, morally elevated conclusion to something horribly complex. It can even feel as if — in witnessing a victim forgive a heinous act — we might all be absolved.

But forgiveness is not the end of any story. And it is does not save us from the ways we, too, are culpable.

We are part of societies that still breed racism, and we should be held accountable for whether we try to change that. There is suffering in other parts of the world that turns boys into torturers, and we have a responsibility to at least understand — and perhaps help alleviate — that suffering. Lindhout thought as much when she travelled to Somalia to report in 2008, and thinks so now, having established a charity there.

Forgiveness itself is beautiful. But mourners in Charleston have been speaking of it as a way forward, as a way through to something else, something better.

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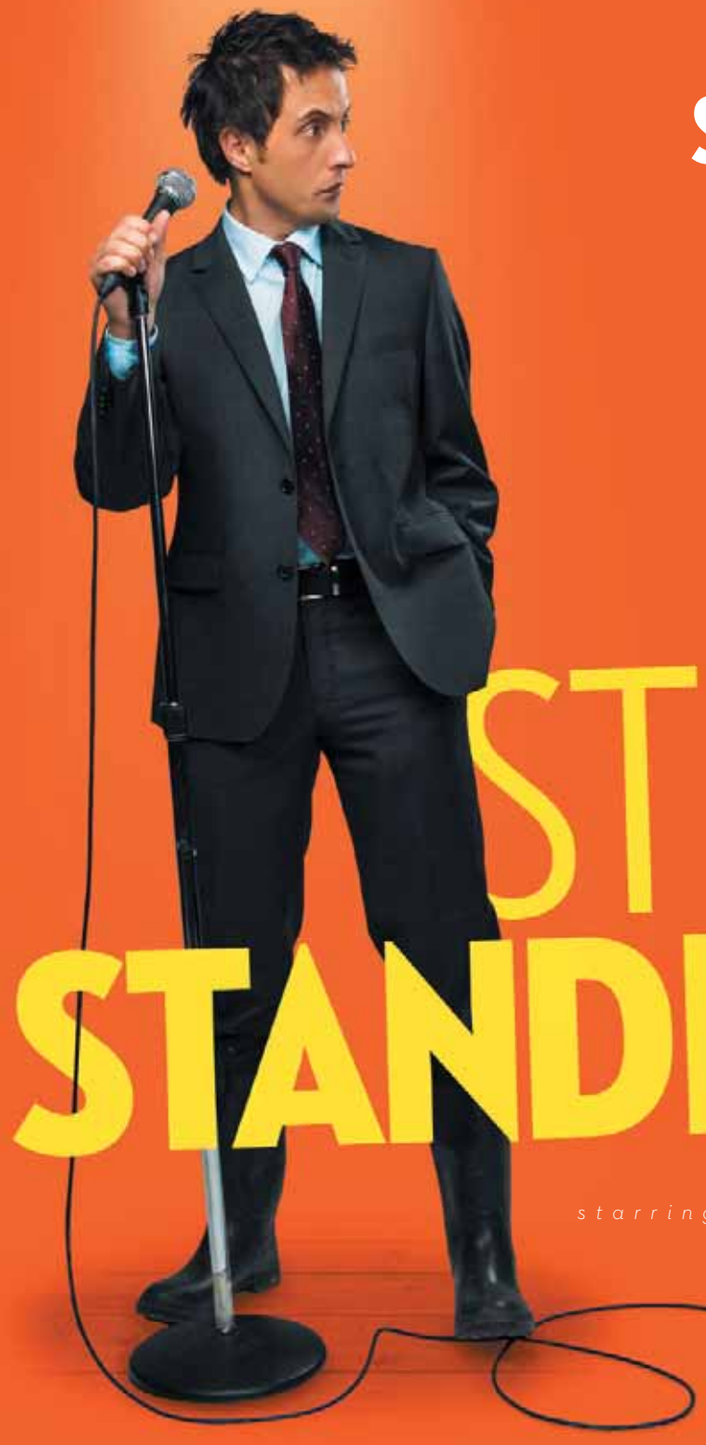

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Breathing easier with the flu

RESEARCH

Drug shows promise in fighting fatal flu symptoms

Megan Haynes
For Metro | Life

A study of this past season's flu vaccine found it was only 23 per cent effective. While doctors say the annual vaccine is still needed, new research is targeting the respiratory failure that is the leading cause of death among flu patients. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Researchers from St. Michael's and Sunnybrook hospitals think they have found a way to prevent people from dying from the flu.

Between 2,000 and 8,000 people die annually as a result of complications from the virus, according to the Public Health Agency. Another 12,000 are hospitalized, says Dr. Warren Lee, the head researcher behind this study, which was recently published in the journal Scientific Reports.

Regardless of the strain of flu (be it avian, swine or other), the leading cause of death is respiratory failure, says Lee, who is also a physician in the critical care unit at Toronto's St. Michael's. When someone has the flu, tiny blood vessels in the lungs start leaking fluid, causing them to fill up, making it difficult to breathe.

Lee says rather than try to inoculate people against the virus (of which there are scores of variations that are constantly mutating), researchers decided to target the body's response to the flu by stopping the blood vessels from leaking.

The team tested the drug Vasculotide on mice and found 80 per cent of those that received it survived whichever virus they were infected with, compared to the 100 per cent death rate for mice that didn't. Lee says Vasculotide was effective against three different types of viruses (including H1N1, the swine flu that's killed more than 400 people since 2009).

This isn't a cure for influenza, he says, but rather a way to help the body fight off the deadliest symptom, which disproportionately affects those with weaker immune systems such as children and the elderly.

This is a timely discovery as a study of the 2014-15 season's flu vaccine, which protects against three or four of the most dominant strains of influenza, found it was only 23 per cent effective, says Dr. Danuta Skowronski, epidemiology lead for influenza and emerging respiratory viruses at the BC Centre for Disease Control. In fact, one strain, the H2N3, had an effectiveness rate of zero, she adds.

Dr. Warren Lee, left, and Dr. Allison McGeer. CONTRIBUTED

There are a number of issues that plague the annual shot, says Dr. Allison McGeer, director of infectious control at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. For one, the virus is constantly mutating, adapting to protect itself against potential cures.

Beyond requiring people to get inoculated each year (resulting in people opting out from getting the vaccine because of the hassle), it also means researchers are constantly having to tweak the formula. And because it changes so quickly, they don't have as much time as needed to actually study the virus, resulting in a vaccine that isn't as effective as one might hope. A "cure" for the flu — that is, one shot that protects against all strains administered every few years — is still decades away.

The shot isn't as effective in older people or those who have chronic underlying illnesses, McGeer says — and those are people who are typically most at risk for complications as a result of the flu.

None of the doctors recommended doing away with the annual vaccine. "What we need (is) more alternative treatments to the ones currently available," says Skowronski.

That's where Lee's research comes in. Though the initial test run was positive, he says it's still a ways off before the treatment is available for human patients. First, the doctors have applied for a patent on the drug, and will then start shopping around for more research funding. However, bringing a drug like Vasculotide to market is a costly endeavour and isn't likely to happen without government or private (such as a pharmaceutical company) backing. The drug likely won't be available for 10 years, he says.

In the meantime, he hopes to test the treatment on other forms of disease that cause leaky lungs, such as pneumonia.

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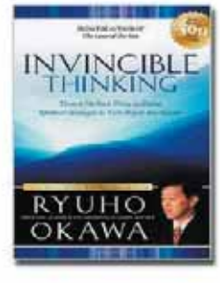

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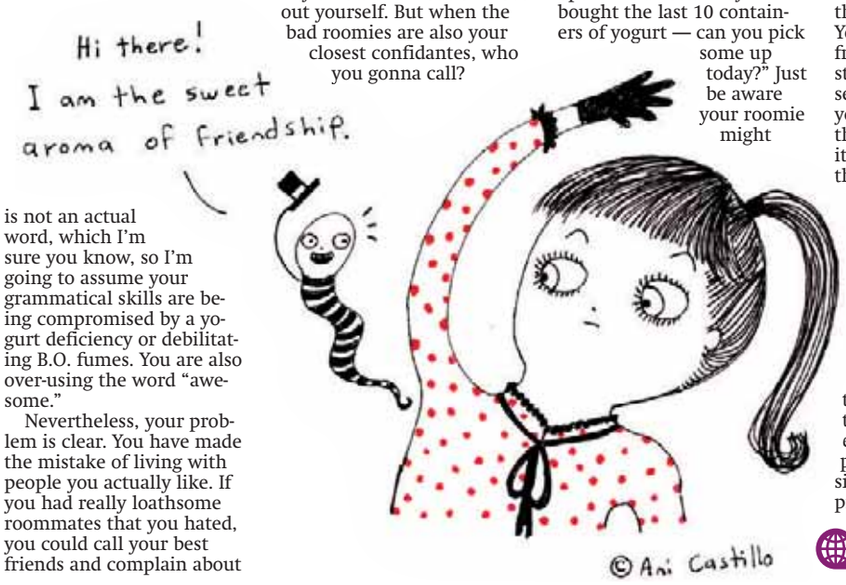
The question How do I deal with bad roommates who are also good friends?

Dear Ellen,
I live with my two bestest friends and they are awesome, and we're all the same size so we share everything, so my wardrobe has tripled, which is awesome, but the problem is sometimes one of them eats all my yogurt and says she'll buy the next container, but she never does, and the other one puts clothes back with a B.O. smell on them which I don't notice till I'm out wearing the clothes myself. Advice? — D.R.

Dear D.R.,
Just to clarify: "bestest" is not an actual word, which I'm sure you know, so I'm going to assume your grammatical skills are being compromised by a yogurt deficiency or debilitating B.O. fumes. You are also over-using the word "awesome."

Nevertheless, your problem is clear. You have made the mistake of living with people you actually like. If you had really loathsome roommates that you hated, you could call your best friends and complain about the bad roomies, and eventually throw them out or move out yourself. But when the bad roomies are also your closest confidantes, who you gonna call?



You could choose to be open and direct: "Hey I bought the last 10 containers of yogurt — can you pick some up today?" Just be aware your roomie might think they bought the last 10 containers — at which point you have two more choices: You can start labelling containers and keeping grocery receipts to track who's purchasing what; or you can resign yourself to being the unsung yogurt provider for as long as you both shall cohabit.

As for the smelly clothes, that's a bit more delicate. You don't want to tell your friend that he/she literally stinks. You could try the semi-direct route: "Hey, can you just throw my stuff in the laundry after you wear it?" Or, with precious items that can't go through the wash, tell both your roommates you need to place certain pieces of precious clothing in an off-limits section of your closet. They may not care, but if either one is offended, your only choices at this point are to tell your friend the uncomfortable truth, or resign yourself to taking the rap for someone else's B.O. in public — perhaps not the worstest situation if it means saving a precious friendship.

Need advice? Email Ellen at scene@metronews.ca

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Sun protection factor (SPF) confuses many consumers

A recent American study, published June 17 in the JAMA Dermatology journal, revealed that large numbers of consumers are lost when it comes to the terminology on the bottles of sunscreen they buy, a confusion that could lead to sunburns or worse. Though most follow the basic rules of sun protection, many don't know what they are buying, according to researchers.

"They think that SPF means everything," says Dr. Roopal Kundu, a dermatologist in charge of this study. "Just because you buy SPF 100 doesn't mean you are 100 per cent protected. Staying out of the sun is the only way to guarantee 100 per cent protection." AFP

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Less than 40 per cent of participants could explain how sunscreen protects them, and 43 per cent didn't know the definition of SPF (Sun Protection Factor).

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Kanye vibe doesn't fly with Glasto fans

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

Petition gets nearly 135,000 signatures to boot superstar

Glastonbury, one of the world's biggest music festivals, gets underway Wednesday facing angry criticism from some fans after rapper Kanye West was booked for the prime Saturday night headline slot.

Highlighting the five-day event's popularity, 150,000 tickets costing £225 ($360) each sold out in just 26 minutes when they went on sale in October before the lineup at Worthy Farm in Somerset, southwest England, was announced.

In total, 175,000 people will attend Glastonbury, which started in 1970 — when admission was £1 — and features hundreds of performances on dozens of stages from the mainstream to the downright bizarre.

But the presence of outspoken star West, who is married to reality TV star Kim Kardashian, has sparked controversy at an event known for its hippie roots.

Nearly 135,000 people have signed a petition to get him dropped.

The online petition against West — who has sold over 100 million downloads and albums worldwide and won 21 Grammy Awards, but is often criticized for self-aggrandizing comments — says he should be kicked off the bill and replaced by "a rock band."

"Kanye West is an insult to music fans all over the world," the petition reads. "We spend hundreds of pounds to attend Glasto (the festival's nickname), and by doing so, expect a certain level of entertainment."

Emily Eavis, Glastonbury's co-organizer and daughter of founder Michael Eavis, said she had even received death threats over the booking, adding the abuse had been "just horrible."

"Kanye West is making the most exciting music at the moment," she said last month.

"He is an amazing force as a performer. For us, getting the biggest star in the world was an amazing coup."

West is not the first U.S hip-hop star to headline Glastonbury. In 2008, Jay-Z attracted similar objections but drew one of the festival's largest-ever crowds and won rave reviews for a set which riffed on the opposition he had faced from some fans. AFP

Kanye West has been booked for the headline slot at Britain's 2015 Glastonbury Festival, dismaying ticket buyers. AFP

"There will be enlightenments, awakenings, surreal happenings, Damascene epiphanies and people doing the strangest things in public," organizers said. GETTY IMAGES

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SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

If things had gone according to plan, I would have spent Friday night at Wembley Stadium in London watching the Foo Fighters play the first of two sold-out shows. But a week earlier, Dave Grohl lost himself in a performance of Monkey Wrench at a festival in Sweden and walked right off the stage, badly breaking the fibula in his right leg.

After surgery to insert six screws to set him right again, his doctors told him to take a couple of weeks off to let things heal lest he develop a permanent limp. He may be a rock 'n' roll superman, but Dave heals like any other 46-year-old.

Above left: Michael Clifford of 5 Seconds of Summer after pyrotechnics misfired onstage. Top right: Dave Grohl broke his leg after falling off the stage during a performance in Gothenburg. Bottom right: Madonna had a cape malfunction at the Brit Awards. MICHAEL CLIFFORD/TWITTER; FOOFIGHTERS.COM; GETTY IMAGES

This has been a bad year for musicians hurting themselves in the middle of concerts. It began with Madonna's cape malfunction at the Brit Awards back in February. As one wag put it, this was a case of "too much material, girl." It was an embarrassing tumble, but the only thing hurt was her pride.

Then May 14 in Vancouver, the Edge was strolling on U2's brand new Innocence + Experience stage, calmly playing I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For when he, well, went over the edge. There was a nice scrape down his right arm, but he was otherwise okay.

Next was a drone attack. During a gig in Tijuana in May, Enrique Iglesias reached up to grab a camera-equipped drone that had been buzzing the 12,000 people in the audience. As part of the show — and something he'd done a number of times before — he snatched the drone out of the air.

This time, though, the propellers sliced into his hand and fingers, causing a distressing loss of blood.

He was airlifted to L.A. after the show and after emergency reconstructive surgery, he cancelled a series of shows.

And then there was the 5 Seconds of Summer concert at Wembley Arena back on June 15 when guitarist Michael Clifford caught on fire. A pyro effect misfired and hit Clifford right in the head. There was a flash of fire followed by a plume of smoke.

It was shades of when Metallica's James Hetfield nearly combusted completely at Olympic Stadium in Montreal back in 1992.

You know what this means? Higher insurance policy premiums, which inevitably are passed on to consumers in the form of higher ticket prices.

Please, people. Let's be careful out there.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

More baby names for Kim and Kanye's impending son

Since Kim Kardashian decided to tell Twitter that her and Kanye West's next baby is going to be a boy, I thought I might as well update the list of prospective baby names I so generously offered up to the happy couple. (What can I say? I'm a giver.) Clearly some of the earlier entries would only make sense for a daughter — like Hillary Rodham or Baby™ — but I still stand by Kim Jr. as the best option. Just in case Kim and Kanye disagree, here are some alternatives:

- North 2 West
- Slanket West
- Bruce West
- Mini Kanye West
- Verizon Wireless Presents Baby West
- Cornell West
- Vuitton West

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Janet Jackson is back

Janet Jackson's still got it. The singer released a new song yesterday called No Sleeep, debuting it over Twitter saying, "I dedicate this to My Love." As you might be able to conclude from the song's title, the lyrics are about looking forward to a restless night with a lover.

It's the first single off Jackson's upcoming album and the first new song she's released in seven years.

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Apple reverses royalties policy after letter from Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift has Apple changing its tune.

Hours after the pop superstar criticized the giant tech company in an open letter posted online, Apple announced Sunday that it will pay royalties to artists and record labels for music played during a free, three-month trial of its new streaming music service.

"When I woke up this morning and I saw Taylor's note that she had written, it really solidified that we needed to make a change," said Apple senior vice-president Eddy Cue in an interview with The Associated Press.

Apple had already agreed to share revenue from paid subscriptions to the new Apple Music service, which will cost $10 a month. But Swift said she would withhold her latest album from the service because Apple wasn't planning to pay artists and labels directly for the use of their music during the free, introductory period.

"We don't ask you for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation," Swift wrote in an open letter posted Sunday on her Tumblr page, under the heading "To Apple, Love Taylor."

Apple has maintained that it negotiated revenue-sharing at rates that are slightly higher than the industry standard to compensate for the three months that it plans to offer its streaming service without charge.

"We had factored that in," Cue said Sunday. But he added, "We had been hearing from artists that this was going to be rough on them, so we are making this change."

Cue declined to say how much Apple will pay in royalties for streaming during the free trial period.

He said Apple will share 71.5 per cent of its revenue from paid subscriptions within the United States and 73 per cent from subscriptions outside the country, while other streaming services generally share about 70 per cent.

Some artists and independent labels had worried they would miss out on opportunities to get a financial return from new music that is released during the three-month trial. Swift said she spoke out on their behalf.

Swift wasn't immediately available for comment on Apple's change of heart. But she posted a reaction on Twitter late Sunday, saying "I am elated and relieved. Thank you for your words of support today. They listened to us."

Cue wouldn't comment on whether she will now make her album 1989 available on Apple Music.

But he said he spoke with Swift personally on Sunday. "She was very pleased to see that we would give her a call right away and have a discussion," he said.

Since Apple began selling digital music through its iTunes store in 2001, he added, "We've always loved music and have strived to make sure that artists are getting paid for their work."

Swift had written in her letter that she found Apple's original stance to be "shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike this historically progressive and generous company."

While praising Apple for developing a paid music service that will compensate artists, she added, "We know that this incredible company has the money to pay artists, writers and producers for the 3 month trial period."

The singer and songwriter has been outspoken on the issue of compensating musicians for streaming music. Last year, Swift pulled her catalogue of recordings from Spotify after complaining about its use of her music on the free, ad-supported version of its service.

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> **We don't ask you for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation.**
> Taylor Swift in her letter to Apple

METRO'S GOSSIP GUY

Taylor's Tumblr Power

This has got to be some kind of record. Taylor Swift posted her Tumblr essay blasting Apple Music's plans to skip out on paying royalties for music enjoyed during customers' three-month free trial, and in less than 24 hours the company had reversed its plans to appease her. This is both exciting and terrifying, but mostly I'm just wondering what cause Swift will use her certified might to help next. If she wanted to write a post about how I shouldn't have to repay the rest of my student loans, that would be awesome.

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Scan to see why you should join Fred's Team.

Dive Right In

Toronto radio personality Fearless Fred earns his nickname with a high-flying fundraiser

You might not think a man called Fearless Fred would have a lot of fears left to conquer. But after hearing about the Canadian Cancer Society's Fearless Challenge, Toronto radio and television personality "Fearless" Fred Kennedy (102.1 The Edge, Teletoon at Night) willingly signed up.

"I'm only Fearless Fred because Freaking Coward Fred doesn't sound as good," says the Nova Scotia native. "I got the name when I was a stunt boy at a radio station out west and would do anything for more air time." Because the Fearless Challenge invites people to raise money for cancer research and other important work by daring them to face their fears, it appealed to his extroverted nature. "I'm terrified of heights," says Kennedy. "Like, cold sweat, shaking terrified. But I figured that if I can exploit that for a good cause, I'm in."

A PERSONAL CONNECTION

"Like many people, I've been touched by cancer," says Kennedy. "My cousin, who was two years younger than me, died last summer, so it is very top of mind in the family." One of the aspects of the Fearless Challenge that attracted the DJ was how it spreads awareness about the charity's services for patients and research while raising money to support this work.

Recently, Kennedy announced on the air that if he could raise $2,500, he would face his acrophobia by jumping out of a plane. On top of that, he is also looking for 25 listeners to join his team and sign up for their own Fearless Challenges. One of these team members will win $1,000 just for participating in the Challenge and reaching their goal.

"If I can raise a few dollars, that's great," says Kennedy. "If I can get more people involved, that's better. It's about spreading awareness."

ALL FEARS WELCOME

While Kennedy gets shaky just thinking about his upcoming skydive ("I'm trying not to think about it." he says. "The more I think about it, the more scared I get!"), he says that just joining the Challenge has been therapeutic.

For listeners who want to join Kennedy's team, he emphasizes that no fear is too big or too small to take on. "It's a personal choice," he says, citing one woman who has signed on to shave her head for her Challenge. "For her, that's a big deal — and her friends and family know that it's a big deal and will want to support her."

Signing up for the Fearless Challenge is not the only way to get involved. "I'm going to encourage people to join my team or donate," says Kennedy. You can also get involved by spreading the word with the hashtag #FearlessChallenge.

"So many people are dealing with cancer — a really terrifying thing," Kennedy says. "If you can put yourself in a position to face your fears to help them face theirs, it might make things a little less scary for everybody."

To join or donate to Fred's Fearless Challenge, go to edge.ca.

What are Canadians afraid of?

A survey recently commissioned by the Canadian Cancer Society revealed the following as Canadians' most common fears:

- Snakes - 40%
- Heights - 34%
- Public speaking - 33%
- Spiders - 31%
- Natural disasters - 30%

Fearless Canadians across the country are facing these and other fears so that those with cancer can do the same.

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IN VANCOUVER U.S. ADVANCES WITH WIN OVER COLOMBIA IN EDMONTON American forward Alex Morgan scores her first goal of the World Cup against Colombia goalkeeper Stefany Castano in the 53rd minute of Monday evening's game at Commonwealth Stadium. With a 2-0 win, the No. 2-ranked U.S. move into the quarter-finals where they'll face No. 16 China. TODD KOROL/GETTY IMAGES

IN OTTAWA

England win to set up matchup with Canada

England survived a scare from Norway Monday in the knockout stage of the FIFA Women's World Cup, conceding the first goal before coming behind for the victory.

Steph Houghton and Lucy Bronze scored second-half goals as England rallied for a 2-1 win that sends the sixth-ranked nation to Vancouver for a quarter-final matchup with Canada next Saturday.

"The first emotion I'm feeling is a real sense of pride in the team," said England coach Mark Sampson. "To show that character and resilience to come back from a goal down at this tournament is an incredible achievement.

"This is a huge win, not just for our team but for all of England."

After a near fatal giveaway in the first half, Bronze took a shot from just above the penalty box and beat Norwegian 'keeper Ingrid Huelmseth in the 76th minute with the winner. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Team Canada's driving force

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

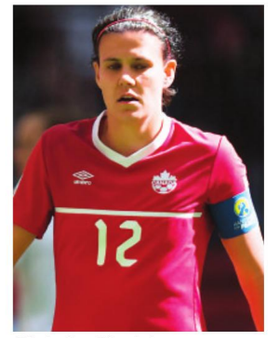
Sinclair is doing more than ever for squad: Coach

Known for her goal-scoring, Christine Sinclair turned provider in helping lift Canada to the Women's World Cup quarter-finals.

After dogged work by Allysha Chapman separated the ball from a Swiss player, Sinclair aimed a cross at Josee Belanger in the penalty box. A Swiss defender headed it away, but only as far as Rhian Wilkinson. The veteran fullback whipped a cross in and Sinclair, anticipating the ball and then outmuscling a defender, poked it to Belanger who fired a left-footed shot past goalkeeper Gaelle Thalmann for a 1-0 Canada win.

Under coach John Herdman, Sinclair is no longer at the front of the Canadian ship. She is there to float the entire boat, making everyone better.

Despite being a key cog in both Canadian victories at the tournament, the 32-year-old forward from Burnaby, B.C., has drawn criticism from some quarters for her play as the Canadian offence rattled and coughed like a rusty engine in the early going.



Christine Sinclair
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Too slow. Past it.

In the Canadian camp, such criticism is heresy.

"That woman doesn't deserve to take stick," Herdman said after Sunday's game. "She's a world-class person, world-class player. She gives everything to this team every single game.

"Look — you put her in a different team, she'll score 20 goals. But look around at the goal-scorers at this tournament. (Sweden's Lotta) Schelin goes home without a goal, (American Abby) Wambach pokes one in. (Brazil's) Marta gets one. International football ain't easy and Sinclair's given everything, every single game.

"Off the pitch, she's doing more than she's ever done before to keep this team connected. She's the pride of our country and she's going to stay that. And we should be proud of what that woman's putting in to this Women's World Cup for our team."

Behind the scenes, Herdman has convinced the private Sinclair to open up to her teammates.

The Canadian women have a fierce pride in their leader, especially for her low-key style. While Sinclair dips her toe into social media only occasionally, teammates say they see her sharp sense of humour on a regular basis.

"She is so humble," said forward Jonelle Filigno. "That's what makes her so likable ... She's the best striker in the world to me." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sanchez begins throwing again

MLB

Right-handed starter on DL with sore lat muscles

Aaron Sanchez — rehabbing his sore lat muscles in nearby Dunedin — was back in the Jays clubhouse Monday, greeting teammates who were about to open a three-game series at the first-place Tampa Rays.

"Everything is so far, so good," Sanchez said about how he feels, now that he's had most of June off to recover from a nagging soreness that is centred just below his right shoulder.

"Today (Monday) was the first day I threw so I'm looking forward to seeing how I feel and seeing what the next step is."

Sanchez had been at the Jays spring training complex in Dunedin earlier in the day, where he opened a throwing program by tossing 25 pitches at 60 feet, all of it on flat ground.

Initial reports are great, Sanchez said, but he will wait until he sleeps on it and wakes up Tuesday morning to gauge the progress.

The Blue Jays have no official timetable for Aaron Sanchez's return. GETTY IMAGES FILE

> **"It sucks being out, but it's a matter of getting back to it (throwing off a mound) once I feel good enough."**
> Aaron Sanchez

The smallest details in Sanchez's recovery are becoming ultra important to a Jays team where pitching — both starting and bullpen — are a red-button issue at the moment.

For now, Sanchez is focusing on increasing his throwing program; he is likely to be assigned to a minor-league rehab start or two before he rejoins the Jays, but outside that, he has "no idea" what the next step is.

"That's out of my control, the next step, what their plan is for me," Sanchez said.

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JAYS CLASH WITH DIVISION LEADER Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Jose Reyes crosses home plate and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Rene Rivera after hitting a home run on Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Jays entered the game with a record of 37-34, three game behind the American League East-leading Rays. For the story, go to metronews.ca. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

ASG pack closes in on K.C.

Some later-voting fans aren't on the Kansas City Royals' all-star bandwagon.

Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera has overtaken Kansas City's Eric Hosmer in the latest results of all-star fan voting, leaving seven Royals on track to start the game next month.

Major League Baseball says the record for the most starters from one team is held by the 1939 New York Yankees with six, including Joe DiMaggio.

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Canada names GM for hockey World Cup team

Hockey Canada has unveiled its management team for the 2016 World Cup of Hockey, led by St. Louis Blues GM Doug Armstrong. Armstrong will oversee the group as general manager with assistance from Montreal Canadiens GM Marc Bergevin, Detroit Red Wings GM Ken Holland, Anaheim Ducks GM Bob Murray, Los Angeles Kings assistant Rob Blake and Hockey Canada vice-president Scott Salmond. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Argos extend Barker, Milanovich contracts

CFL

Toronto's new owners tie down duo prior to full takeover

The new ownership group of the Argonauts has extended the contracts of general manager Jim Barker and head coach Scott Milanovich by three years after the current CFL season.

Bell Canada and the Kilmer Group will assume control of the team at the end of the year from David Braley. Milanovich is entering his fourth season as head coach of the Argos, having won the Grey Cup in his rookie year in 2012 and taking home honours as the CFL's coach of the year. Prior to coming to Toronto, Milanovich, 41, served five seasons with the Montreal Alouettes, one season with the Calgary Stampeders and three years in the NFL Europe in various coaching capacities.

Barker, 58, is entering his fifth season as GM in Toronto. He has also been a head coach with the Argos, first in 1999, returning for the 2010 and 2011 seasons. He assumed the role as GM in December 2010, and later was named CFL coach of the year for 2010.

Barker hired Milanovich to be head coach starting in the 2012 season. Prior to the 2012 season, Barker engineered the trade that brought quarterback Ricky Ray to Toronto from Edmonton.

Barker and Milanovich will complete this year under their current contracts before the new deal kicks in Feb. 1, 2016.

"It's exciting," Barker said in an interview. "The Kilmer Group and Bell are sports people and they know what it takes to win. It's exciting to hear their visions of where the Argos are going."

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Jim Barker, left, and Scott Milanovich have been given three-year contract extensions ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DRUG REGULATIONS

CFL ripped by WADA for 'outdated' policy

The World Anti-Doping Agency is blasting the CFL for what it calls an "irresponsible" drug policy.

WADA director general David Howman released a statement Monday saying the CFL needs to overhaul a system that undermines drug education of amateur athletes by failing to suspend players who test positive while competing in other leagues.

"WADA believes that the CFL's anti-doping program is outdated and, quite frankly, irresponsible," said Howman.

The CFL/CFLPA's 2010 policy states that an initial positive test requires a player to be subjected to mandatory testing for two years, but the player is neither named publicly or suspended. A second offence results in a three-game suspension, while a third positive test means the player receives a year-long ban. The CFL has said there have been no second positive tests since the program was enacted.

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IN BRIEF

Juventus bolster attack with Mandzukic signing

Juventus moved strengthened its attacking options by signing Croatia forward Mario Mandzukic on Monday from Atletico Madrid for 19 million euros ($21.5 million).

Juventus said on its website that Mandzukic signed a four-year contract. He's the second high-profile forward to join the Serie A champion and Champions League runner-up, which also signed Paulo Dybala from Palermo.

They could help fill the absence of Carlos Tevez, who has been linked with a return to Argentina and club Boca Juniors. Serie A rival Inter Milan, meanwhile, was close to completing a deal for highly rated Monaco midfielder Geoffrey Kondogbia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police: Ex-Met Hamilton killed in murder-suicide

Darryl Hamilton, a stand-out centre-fielder and a member of the New York Mets team that reached the 2000 World Series, was killed in a murder-suicide in a suburban Houston home, authorities said Monday.

Hamilton was found Sunday. An initial investigation determined Hamilton, 50, was shot several times and that a woman in the home died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. She was identified as 44-year-old Monica Jordan. The 14-month old child of Hamilton and Jordan was found unharmed at the home and turned over to Child Protective Services.

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RECIPE Watermelon Tabbouleh

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Tabbouleh is a classic Middle Eastern dish made primarily with bulgur, parsley, garlic and mint. My version adds sweet watermelon and uses less oil than the traditional dish. Serves six.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 cup bulgur
- 1 cup water or stock
- 1 1/2 cup diced watermelon
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2/3 cup light feta cheese, crumbled
- 2/3 cup diced avocado
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp minced jalapeño pepper, or to taste

Directions
1. Bring the water to a boil. Add bulgur, cover and remove from the heat and let sit for 15 minutes. Fluff with a fork, place in a serving bowl and set aside to cool.
2. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.
3. Serve either at room temperature or chilled.

Nutrition per serving
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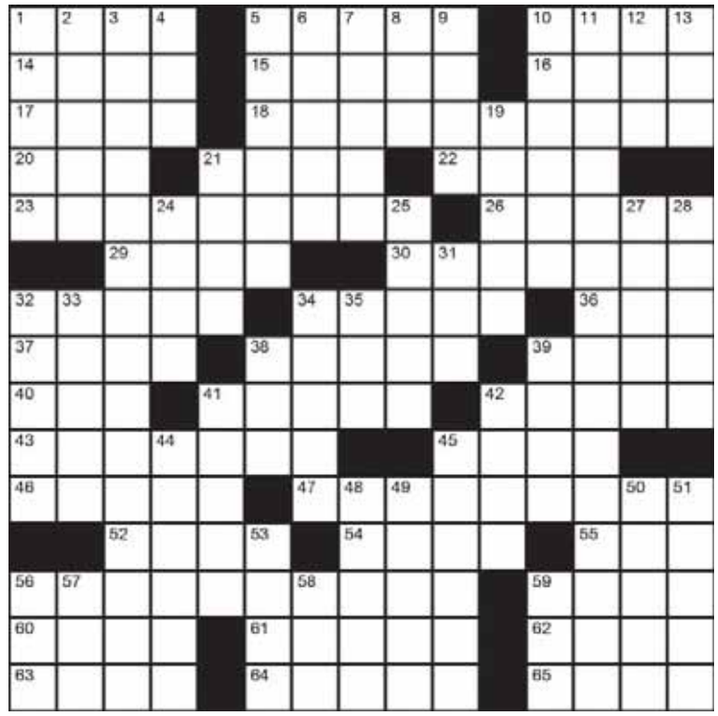

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20. "How Bizarre" group
21. Relieve
22. King
23. AstroTurf: 2 wds.
26. Vary
29. Nudge
30. It's a team's advantage in hockey: 2 wds.
32. Cloud nine
34. Equals
36. Actor Mr. Gulager
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6. San Gabriel Valley city in California
7. Unshackles
8. '_' _ for Flin Flon
9. Specialized doctors, e.g.
10. Edmonton Oilers player Jordan
11. A what is believed to be the likely cause behind the bent up Aspen grove at #43-Across?: 2 wds.
12. Ms. Larter
13. Days opp.
19. Circle measurements, briefly
21. Some stars have big ones
24. Formerly
25. Farm followers
27. Plaudit
28. Meet up with fellow grads in 20 years
31. Alternatives
32. Allied groups
33. Shady money
34. Zoo attraction
35. Down Under bird
38. Expected
39. _ _ to one's ears
41. Glide on ice
42. Hoda of daytime TV chat
44. Breakfast serving
45. Toxin
48. Commonplace
49. Music: Alla _ (Cut time)
50. Meshed kitchen device
51. Nail alternative
53. Actress Jessica
56. Laboratory subj.
57. Maclean's, e.g.
58. Odd, briefly
59. _-la-la!

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Something will happen today that makes you wonder if you have gone off in a direction you were not meant to take. However, because mind planet Mercury squares up to Neptune, planet of deception, you must not be hasty. It's still all good.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you want to break free of certain restrictions now would be a good time to give it a go. You may not succeed at first but you will gain insights that make success more likely the next time you make the attempt.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Try not to be too over-confident today. The planets, and your ruler Mercury in particular, warn you could be in serious trouble if you gamble unwisely!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A degree of caution is called for today. You would be wise to play safe, even in situations where you feel in control. Don't let the world know too much about your plans.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There will be times today when it seems as if the whole world is against you but it isn't true. However, one particular person does have a bee in their bonnet about your relationship. A clear-the-air talk is needed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Good news on the money front will lift your spirits today but don't celebrate too much or you could find yourself back where you started. You don't have to spend a fortune to have a good time socially, even less so romantically.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The more certain people warn that you are heading towards disaster the more likely it is that you are heading towards success. Only you know what you are aiming for, so don't let the cynics and critics get you down.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem to be spending a lot of time looking over your shoulder and wondering who is following you. Chances are no-one is on your case but the trouble with that sort of attitude is it almost invites bad things to happen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will get the red carpet treatment today but you are advised to stay modest and, where possible, keep a low profile. If you call attention to yourself you could be a target for gossip and rumour.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are in an optimistic mood but take care your positive outlook doesn't get the better of you and you start making promises you won't be able to keep.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because mind planet Mercury squares up to Neptune, planet of illusion, today you are strongly advised to think before you act. Do not — repeat, not — take a gamble unless you are sure it will pay off.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
By all means be willing to compromise but be careful you don't give in too easily and give others the impression that you can be manipulated. Negotiations will go better if you make the effort to bargain a bit, but it must be from a position of strength.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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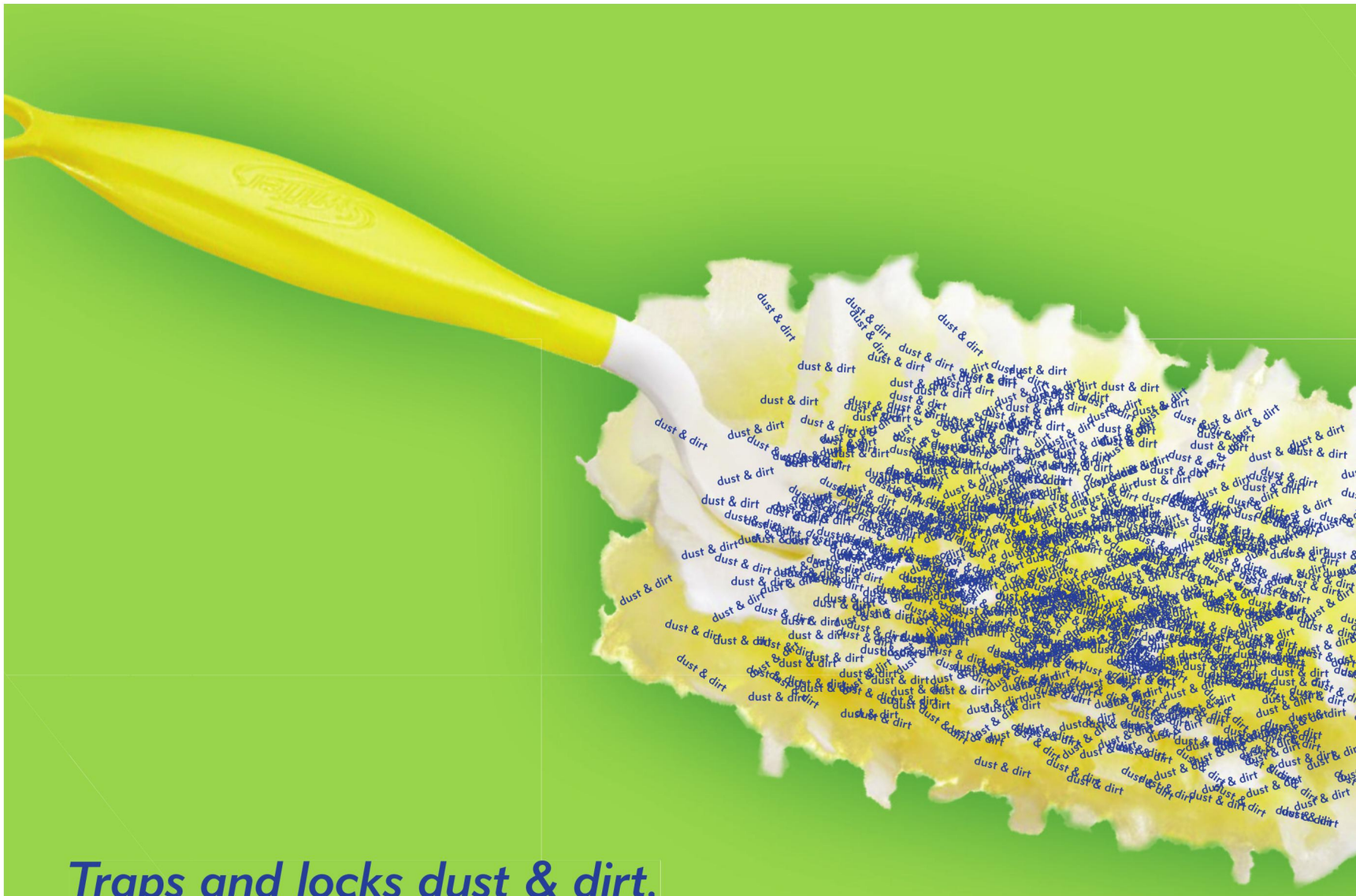

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